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**O Christmas tree**

The Festival of Trees at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City lights up for the holidays.

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# History up in flames

Courtesy of Brian Passey/ Ricks College Scroll

Flames pour through the south wall of the Jacob Spori Building on the Ricks College campus in Rexburg, Idaho, early Wednesday morning. The building started on fire during demolition at 3 a.m.

## Ricks building burns down

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> **"I don't think anyone in their wildest dreams imagined that it could have caught on fire."**
>
> — Don Sparhawk, Ricks College spokesman

The oldest building on the Ricks College campus burned to the ground Tuesday night.

Demolition crews gathered at midnight to tear down the Jacob Spori Building, only to have the historic 97-year-old landmark burst into flames hours later, said Don Sparhawk, Ricks College spokesman.

Sparhawk said about 60 spectators watched as a small fire eventually engulfed the roof and building. A steel cable that was threaded throughout the building and attached to bulldozers caused friction and sparks that started the fire.

Fire crews arrived on the scene minutes after 3 a.m., said Spencer Larsen, emergency fire chief of Rexburg-Madison County Emergency Services.

But after a first-wave effort to dowse the fire, Larsen said firefighters changed their strategy of putting out the fire to containing it, opting instead to protect the buildings to the east and west of the Spori Building.

Larsen said he made the decision to allow the partially torn-down building to burn rather than risk the lives of crew members who would have had to enter the building to contain the fire.

Firefighters, demolition workers and onlookers did little more than watch flames shoot into the air.

"People from 10 to 15 miles out of town could see the fire burning," he said.

Karen Newman, a secretary in the Department of Communications, which until last summer was housed in the Spori Building, said she received a call from her husband, a volunteer firefighter on the scene.

Newman, who lives down the street from the building, said she went with her son to watch the blaze.

"It was just amazing," she said. "We go out the door, and you can see the flames everywhere," she said.

The fire that consumed the Spori Building came after the beginning of what was a surprise demolition.

Although publicly scheduled to be torn down sometime in December, crews in charge of the demolition recommended the building be torn down at night to avoid potential safety hazards to students, Sparhawk said.

He said the decision to tear down the abandoned landmark was made hours before workers arrived on campus later that night. Sparhawk said only a limited number of people knew the demolition would proceed ahead of schedule.

There were people who were opposed to tearing down the building, but there were no formal protests, he said.

Sparhawk said the demolition crew had no idea friction between the cables and building could be a possible fire hazard.

"I don't think anyone in their wildest dreams imagined that it could have caught on fire," he said.

Firefighters will continue to work with cleanup crews through midday today, Larsen said.

Courtesy of Ricks College Scroll

Flames devour what is left of the Jacob Spori Building on the Ricks College campus Wednesday. Fire crews arrived to fight the fire at about 3 a.m.

## Gore looks to courts as Bush pulls out blueprints

*Associated Press*

> **"On Jan. 20, a President Bush will be ready to take the reins of the government."**
>
> —Andy Card, top Bush adviser

Al Gore raced between TV interviews Wednesday asking, "Will we count all the votes or not?" while his lawyers urgently sought a high court ruling with the answer he wanted. Both Democrat Gore and GOP rival George W. Bush pressed forward with separate blueprints for building a presidency.

"On Jan. 20, a President Bush will be ready to take the reins of the government," said top adviser Andy Card — awarding his boss a title that Gore still hopes will be his.

Bracing the public for more legal wrangling, the vice president said he was prepared to fight until "the middle of December" and suggested the dispute could drag past the Dec. 12 deadline for appointing state electors — to six days later when the Electoral College meets.

With the stakes so high, the Republican-dominated Florida Legislature inched closer to securing Bush a backup plan: House Speaker Tom Feeney said Wednesday he is convinced lawmakers need to go into special session as early as next week to name its own slate of presidential electors. And Senate President John McKay agreed that was a "reasonable conclusion."

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the candidate's brother, said he would sign the necessary legislation "if it was the appropriate thing to do."

Still, with the recount case headed to the highest court in the land, Jeb Bush said, "The United States Supreme Court trumps the Legislature." Gore himself told CNN that Florida voters would not stand for "the expression of their will taken away by politicians."

Gore is trying to overturn official results of the decisive Florida election before the public's patience runs out on the 22-day ordeal. "I certainly believe that I did" win the White House, Gore told NBC.

Needing a quick court victory, Gore authorized his divided legal team to ask the Florida Supreme Court to recount contested ballots or order a lower court to do it, two Democratic legal sources said late Wednesday.

One million ballots were being hauled 400-miles from southern to northern Florida, where the precedent-making case has been thrust upon a folksy circuit judge in Tallahassee. "Pack `em up and bring `em up," Judge N. Sanders Sauls said.

Bush planned to meet Thursday with retired Gen. Colin Powell, his still-to-be-announced choice as secretary of state. Powell has told associates that if offered the post he would accept. The Texas governor also was calling GOP congressional leaders, telephoned one conservative Mississippi Democrat himself and assigned his staff to call other Democratic lawmakers as Gore struggled to keep his party in line.

**more . . .**

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# News Briefs

*Compiled from staff and news service reports*

## Clinton to conclude presidential tour

WASHINGTON — President Clinton will finally complete his tour of all 50 states next week when he visits Nebraska.

His visit to south-central Nebraska includes a speech at the University of Nebraska at Kearney on Dec. 8, White House spokesman Jake Siewert said. Siewert officially announced the trip Wednesday, moments after piping the University of Nebraska fight song through the White House speakers and jokingly quizzing reporters on Nebraska trivia.

Siewert said there was nothing to be read into Nebraska's position as the only state Clinton has not yet visited in his eight years in office.

"There is absolutely no reason to be offended," he said. "Inevitably, one state will be the last. But there's nothing much to be read into that other than sheer happenstance."

Clinton had not yet decided what he'll say in his speech, Siewert said.

## Serbian police retake Albanian village

LUCANE, Yugoslavia — Rebels watched from hillside fortifications but did not resist as Serbian police backed by two armored vehicles retook a strategic village Wednesday in an area where a recent offensive by rebel ethnic Albanians claimed at least five lives.

Armed with automatic weapons, police zigzagged from house to house as they cautiously entered Lucane, just outside Kosovo. Most of Lucane's estimated 1,000 ethnic Albanians fled earlier, leaving behind only elderly.

But by nightfall, most had returned after Serb officers assured village elders they would be safe. Some residents complained that the ethnic Albanian militants had ransacked their houses before pulling out.

## Crude oil spilled in Misssissippi River

PORT SULPHUR, La. — A tanker spilled 554,400 gallons of crude oil, closing traffic to a 26-mile stretch of the Mississippi River on Wednesday. No injuries were reported.

The 800-foot Westchester lost power Tuesday evening and apparently ran aground about 60 miles south of New Orleans, said U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Charles Culotta. The cause of the spill was not known.

A cargo tank holding about 53,000 barrels of Nigerian sweet crude oil — more than 2.2 million gallons — lost about 13,200 barrels, Coast Guard Petty Officer Fa'iq El-Amin said. A standard barrel contains 42 U.S. gallons.

El-Amin did not know whether the remaining 1.7 million gallons were moved to another tank or whether something else kept the oil from spilling into the river.

Closures stretched from the accident site to near the mouth of the Mississippi River. Contractors worked to contain and clean up the spill.

## Backstreet Boys falter in 'N Sync wake

NEW YORK — The Backstreet Boys sold a staggering 1.6 million copies of their new album in its debut week, but failed to sink 'N Sync's record.

In a battle between boy bands, "Black & Blue" fell well short of the 2.4 million copies that 'N Sync's "No Strings Attached" sold in its first week earlier this year.

"Black & Blue" was accompanied by a massive publicity campaign that had the Backstreet Boys visit six continents in 100 hours. Globally, the group sold 5 million copies, according to their publicist, Marcee Rondan.

"Based on the worldwide figure, they are incredibly happy," Rondan said Wednesday.

# Weather

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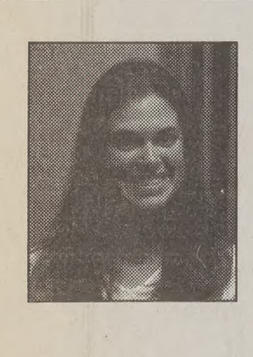
*sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN*

# Scripture of the Day



"And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives

*— Doctrine and Covenants 76:22*

Jill Durham, an interior design major from Houston, Texas, likes this scripture because "it is a strong testimony that Christ lives and that he loves us."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# Gore says he is confident of win

*Associated Press*

Al Gore declared Wednesday "I certainly believe that I did" win the White House, while his lawyers pressed urgently in the courts to let him try to prove it. George W. Bush invited retired Gen. Colin Powell to Texas as he worked on a transition to the job he said was his.

Gore, interviewed on NBC, tempered his own claim somewhat, saying, "I understand that there's considerable doubt about" the outcome of the Nov. 7 election — one of the few understatements uttered by either side in the nation's overtime campaign.

Gore was talking privately of potential administration appointments, while Bush was working more publicly on a transition to power.

GOP running mate Dick Cheney said he and Powell, prominently mentioned for secretary of state in a Bush administration, would travel to Texas on Thursday. "This will give us an opportunity for an extended discussion on the transition between Gen. Powell, myself and Governor Bush," Cheney said.

The three men will be "talking about how you might put together your national security team," Cheney said, but he indicated there would be no appointments announced.Other officials said the Texas governor had been in touch with GOP congressional leaders in recent days to talk about getting down to work. House Majority Leader Dick Armey said he and Bush had talked about an agenda, starting with education. "He speaks of that first," the fellow Texas said, as well as "some good tax relief."

Cheney also announced that private office space had been arranged in suburban Virginia to house transition offices. The Clinton administration has not yet released the government space set aside a few blocks from the White House, citing Gore's continued election challenge.

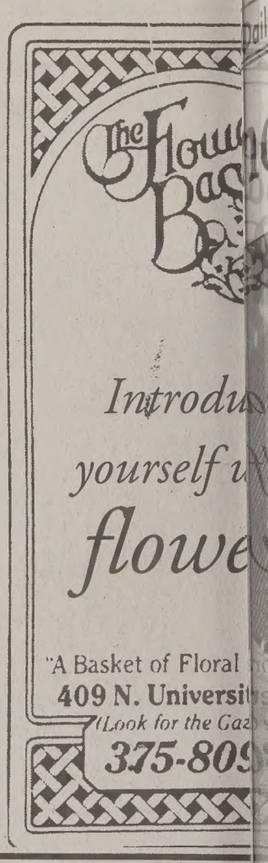
Gore and Democratic running mate Joseph Lieberman talked of possible new-administration appointments at White House lunch meetings with transition director Roy Neel, Labor Secretary Alexis Herman and Kathleen McGinty, former head of the Council on Environmental Quality in the Clinton White House.

Talk of governing blended with continued legal sparring in Gore's challenge of Bush's certified win of Florida on Sunday night.

The vice president's lawyers, turned down on Tuesday in a lower court, weighed whether to appeal to the state Supreme Court in their effort to gain the immediate recount of contested ballots in two counties. They argue these ballots were never counted; Republicans say they contain no vote for president, just for other races.

In a long hearing on Tuesday, Judge N. Sanders Sauls agreed only to have 14,000 questionable ballots shipped to Tallahassee from Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties.

The Bush legal team responded Wednesday, saying that "fairness requires" that Sauls expand his order to include all the votes cast in the two counties on Election Day — more than one million in all.

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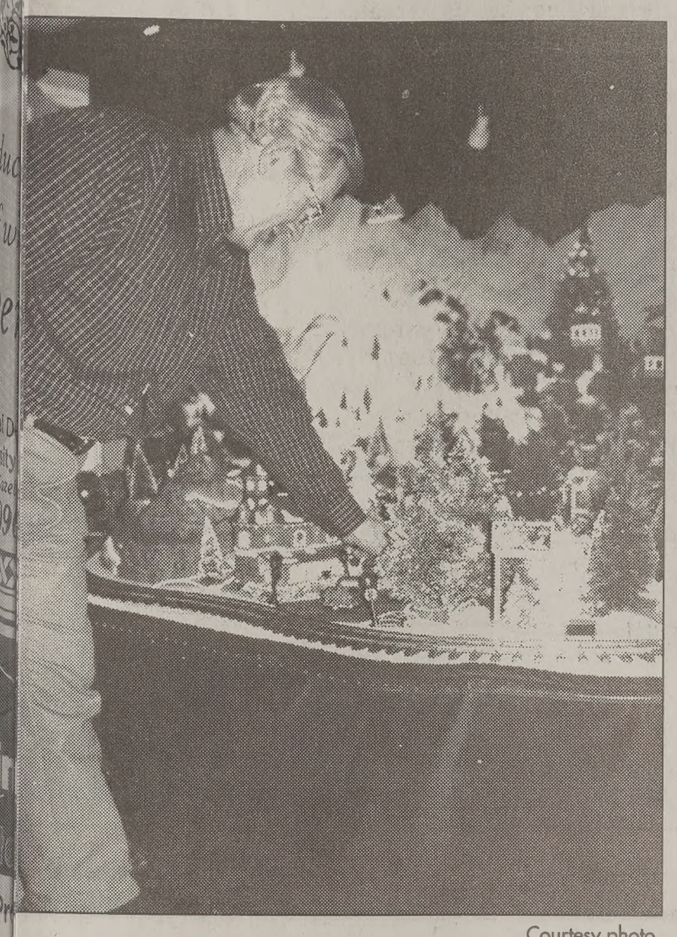
# ...ow Village' honors tradition



Courtesy photo

Edward E. Green, here with his "Snow Village," ...e joy of creating a Christmas village from his father ...ntinued the tradition for the last 15 years.

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When he was young, Edward E. Green lived in public housing in a poor section of New Jersey.

His Christmases were spent alongside his father creating holiday village scenes out of wooden blocks.

As a grown man, Green's memories continue to revolve around holidays spent with his father.

"I don't remember much about Christmas, but I do remember the Christmas village my dad made every year," said Green, a BYU professor of instructional psychology and technology.

Green enjoys sitting in his living rooming, looking and listening to his yearly creation of a Christmas village — much like the one his father would make.

He has spent the last month preparing his animated holiday creation that has been a 15-year tradition for him.

Every year, the Green residence, 460 E. 300 South in Orem, gets hundreds of visitors to Snow Village.

To recreate a Christmas from the 1940s, Green uses his technical expertise to design a bustling village with blinking lights and a starry sky.

This year, Green is putting together his largest village ever in his front living room.

He uses some of the same pieces that his father fashioned when he was a child, along with other acquired collectibles.

Each piece has emotional value attached to it, Green said. He bought a ceramic hospital, decorated with wreaths and lights, to honor his daughter who was hospitalized with a brain tumor.

He named his wonderland "Snow Village," which includes hundreds of ceramic buildings and thousands of figurines involved in Christmas activities.

Green's figurines come alive in activities such as ice skating on an outside rink, blinking tree lights at an Elvis Presley mansion and deer jumping around log cabins.

Lorraine Conger, Green's appointed Snow Village planner, helps make the village look good.

"I make sure the Harley Davidson store is not by the day care center," Conger said.

Green said he has continued this holiday tradition because it is fulfilling.

"I do this because I am very nostalgic and like to remember," he said. "It is what I love to do."

# Museum to host LDS symposium

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BYU students, alumni and faculty will come together Friday to present their ideas and thoughts about issues facing artists affiliated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The third annual Art, Belief and Meaning Symposium will be Friday and Saturday in the Museum of Art auditorium.

LDS artists feel the responsibility to share their faith and to do it in a manner that would fully utilize their artistic talents, said Herman du Toit, head of Audience Education and Development.

"Adopting a gospel perspective in the visual arts has been an issue of careful consideration from the inception of the church," du Toit said.

The program will include a presentation of 13 papers with topics ranging from the "Role of Humility, Charity, and Conscience within an Artistic Community" to "The Paradoxes that Come with being a Mormon Artist," he said.

Keith Lane, a church history and doctrine professor, will participate in the symposium. He said he plans to deal with the issue of respecting and learning from differences in religious art.

People can be edified by what they see in other religious art, even if it is something they do not believe in, he said.

They can also gain knowledge from symbols such as crosses and crucifixes, Lane said.

LDS artists try too hard to be religious in their art making them risk becoming artificial, he said.

"If we live a good life and seek to be religious, our faith comes across naturally in the art itself," Lane said.

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# Striking harms more than it helps

Utah's teachers are mad.

That's no surprise, considering the short straws Utah's taxpayers and Legislature keep handing them.

Their latest source of anger stems from the Utah Education Task Force's plans to improve education in the state. The Utah Education Association disagrees with what the Task Force has proposed. Association members say the improvement plans are not enough — and now they are threatening to strike.

The teachers have a valid argument. Education has long suffered from under-funding statewide. Often, teachers are forced to pocket classroom expenses because of tight budgets created by the Legislature.

True, the Legislature should devote more money and attention to education in the state. But that attention may be short-lived if striking teachers bout for just one day in the spotlight.

Striking is not the best way for teachers to get what they want. At this point, striking would just create more problems than solutions. Although it may grab public attention, striking focuses on the wrong group — teachers.

Essentially, striking doesn't help as much as it hurts. In fact, all groups involved suffer from its effects.

If teachers choose not to work, their pay is docked. And if schools get substitutes, striking teachers' salaries pay for part of the substitutes' salaries.

Strikes inconvenience parents. When regular school routines are disrupted by striking, parents have to make plans to care for their children, often with little or no prior notice.

In the past, teachers have given parents notice of striking plans via notes, television and radio. But even with this forewarning, parents are forced to fill in for trained educators who have a responsibility to teach their pupils.

Although their welfare is often the motivation for strikes, students also lose in these strikes too. It may be fun and exciting for them to miss school for a strike day, but students still have to make up the missed time — possibly on President's Day or other holidays.

So striking isn't the solution. But what is?

Perhaps the UEA could start an educational campaign geared at educating parents about the Utah education issues. Parents should know that the Legislature does not want to give needed supplies to their children. Parents should understand the reasoning behind the teachers' frustrations.

Such campaigning would definitely receive media attention, which is often the goal of strikes. Teachers could sponsor events to inform the public about their aims and plans to bring about change.

Maybe it is the parents who should be striking. Their children — not the teachers — are the ones most affected by educational issues. Ultimately, students should be the focus of this battle between educators and the Task Force — and striking is not the answer.

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# Plans are under way for ubiquitous initiative

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*BYUSA president*

On Nov. 16, I discussed with readers the topic of technology training on campus for faculty, staff and students alike. I have appreciated the feedback received and will be working further with the office of Technology Training Services to help make students more aware of the excellent services available.

I have felt a need since then to discuss with readers a proposal being considered by BYU's Information Technology Requirements Committee called the Ubiquitous Computing Initiative.

Ubiquitous?

I had to look the word up the first time myself. It is synonymous with 'universal' or 'omnipresent.' Think of it as meaning in all places at all times.

Basically the proposal would turn BYU into a computer-based environment where all students would be required to own computers. Mandatory student ownership of computers would help BYU become a technological community, enhance students' learning opportunities and facilitate faculty teaching and research.

As well, it would help BYU achieve President Bateman's leadership vision of extending the reach of BYU to the entire world through technology.

At this point only two schools in the United States have a truly ubiquitous requirement for student computer ownership at the undergraduate level, although many are currently considering the possibility. If BYU were to adopt such a policy in the near future, we would definitely position ourselves at the forefront of an emerging trend.

BYU has been doing research on the potential for ubiquitous computing for some time. This past year, for example, the university invited a consulting group to visit campus and perform a neutral assessment of the viability of such a policy for BYU. The findings of that group have been submitted to BYU administrators, including the ITRC, which helps to prioritize the implementation of various technology initiatives and make recommendations to the Office of Information Technology and the President's Council.

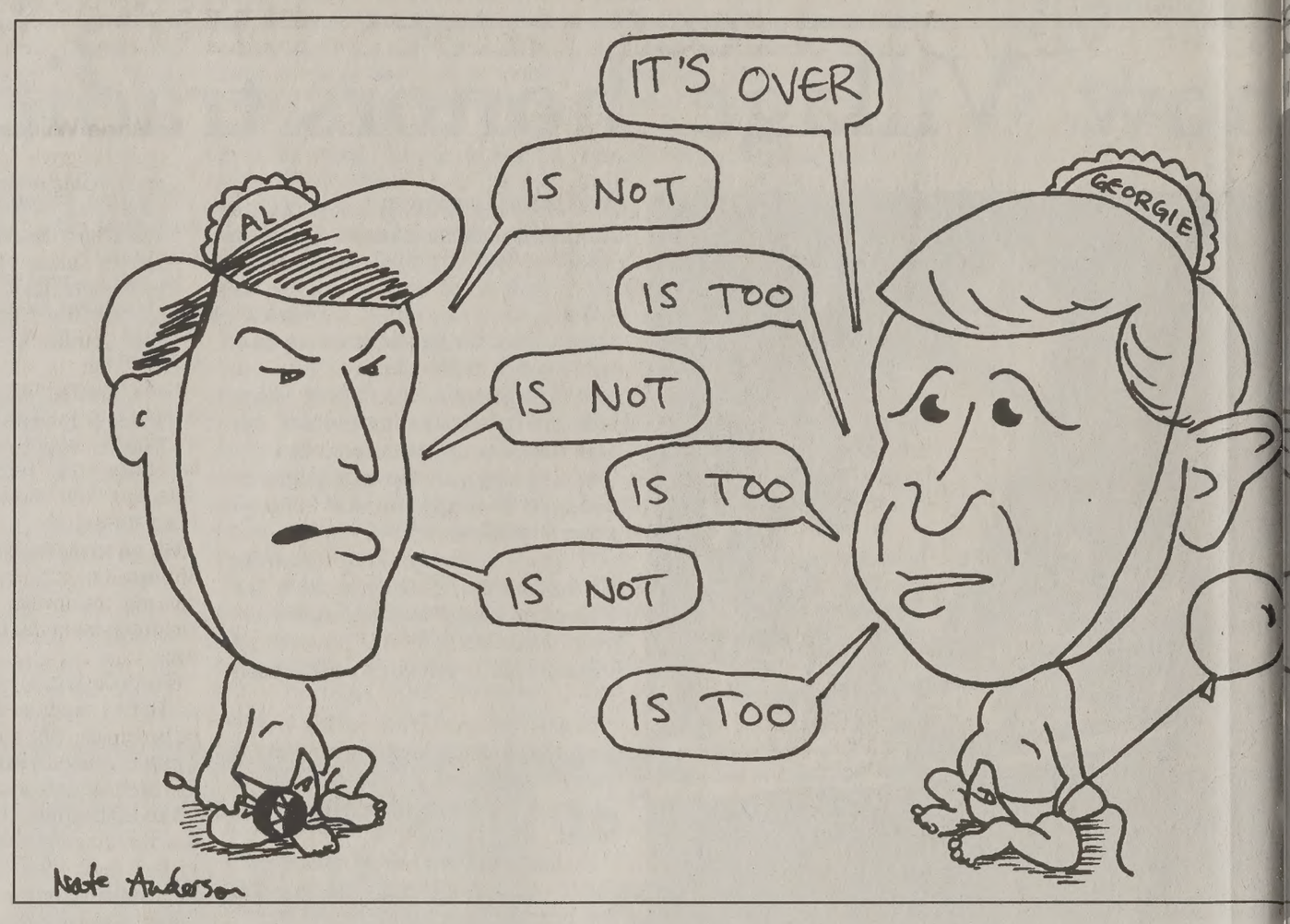
The consultants' report concludes that "BYU is clearly in a position to move forward with a comprehensive or ubiquitous computing initiative."

According to the consultants, the initiative seems to fit BYU well, based on existing student trends, positive feedback from various stakeholders received thus far, the special nature of a BYU education and changes in global society at large. I would agree with the notion that the need for comprehensive student ownership of computers will arise from advances in technology that are happening all around us. I am confident that BYU's proposal meets a need as opposed to just creating one.

Research conducted recently by the Office of Assessment shows a high level of student computer ownership at present. That means as faculty use an increasing amount of Web-based and computer-based resources to teach their classes and communicate with students, a two-tiered student body is created: those who own their own computers and those who don't. The convenience of owning a computer as opposed to having access to one is undeniable. I have been in both situations during my time at BYU.

Obvious questions exist, such as those surrounding the financial issue. How will students deal with the added costs of buying computers? Will the university make computer loans available? What about computers becoming obsolete when students leave for their missions? Would there be extra challenges for international students or students with disabilities? All of these questions and more are currently being considered by the Student Advisory Council which will prepare its thoughts and recommendations for presentation to BYU administrators.

Feel confident that BYU won't run into something this big under-researched or unprepared, but realize that now is the time for vital student input. As a student member of the ITRC I need to know readers' thoughts on this proposal. Please reach me at bill_brady@byu.edu.




# READERS' FORUM

## Saturday for reading?

Dear Editor,

We've always thought that the "reading days" were supposed to be breaks from classes to allow us time to get ready for finals. Whoever scheduled Saturday as a "reading day" apparently didn't realize that Saturday has never been a day we have had to attend classes. Perhaps that person needs a new Franklin Planner to get better acquainted with the days of the weeks. Granted, we don't object to getting ready for tests on a Saturday — very much. It just seems to us that calling Saturday a "reading day" is redundant, much like many things printed or said at BYU. Two quick examples: A Daily Universe article titled "Icy weather conditions require caution on roads" (Duh!) and a BYU athlete recently said "... it's gonna be long lived for a long time." (Huh?)

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## Museum offers diversity

Dear Editor,

A common criticism of BYU is that its void of cultural diversity.

Everyone's white and Mormon and wears socks with sandals. While several factors of diversity are obvious around campus to people who care to open their eyes, other little gems of cultural diversity are tucked around campus in little corners — waiting for anyone diligent enough to seek them out.

One of those little gems is the Museum of Peoples and Cultures. Established in 1981, it has been around as long as most of you, so stop asking if it's new and start wondering why you've never visited it before.

One of the aims of the MPC is to preserve and present to the public the diversity of the world's cultures. Those who feel inundated with Provo culture should escape to the museum to learn about the culture of the Fremont who prehistorically inhabited Utah. Those who see no religious diversity at BYU should visit the kachina gallery that examines the Hopi kachina society, the priesthood group of the native Hopi region. Those interested in sandals can view different versions of prehistoric Anasazi sandals (never worn with socks, I might add.)

We may ask ourselves why bother with diversity? One thing that becomes clear while studying the cultures at the MPC is the underlying human connection that goes beyond cultural and chronological boundaries. People then and people now all over the globe face the same fundamental life challenges, hold dear the same types of experiences and relationships and hope for a bright future in similar ways.

Why bother with diversity? Because ultimately it helps us to discover one fundamental truth — common traits of human nature are universally unifying.

By embracing our similarities, we learn to see and value the unique traits that bring flavor and color to that common relation.

Brooke Everett
Fresno, Calif.

## Cleaning up the media

Dear Editor,

Chris Hicks, a local media reviewer, made these comments about changes he has seen in television: "Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld were once considered the cleanest comedians on the stand-up circuit ... Yet, as soon as they got their own television programs —the Tonight Show and Seinfeld, respectively — both began using an amazing amount of sexual material ... They (actually dirtied) up their acts for TV."

He went on to say the following about Seinfeld: "[E]specially towards the end of Seinfeld's run, this top-rated sitcom, supposedly a show 'about nothing,' was very much about sex" (Deseret News, January1999).

We believe that by watching shows like "Seinfeld" and "Friends" and not objecting to their implicit messages, we are assenting to and 'buying into' the assumptions that the shows are built on. We are subtly taught how to think about women, how to think about men, how to think about relationships and how to think about sex. Is sex a joke?

While not explicitly accepting the content of these shows, we become jaded by their images and tolerant of their illusions. We think that those who deny the impact of such innuendos are testifying of the impact that innuendos have already had on them. While we are intolerant of pornography, it seems we don't even flinch anymore at the philosophies that underlie our common-fare programming. Why aren't we offended? If we want cleaner entertainment — why are we supporting the filth that is out there?!! As one example, a recent Daily Universe review of "Charlie's Angels" praised the film's entertainment value without any mention about the show's implicit message of women as objects,

The point is, we simply cannot watch Hollywood's "garbage" and, at the same time, want cleaner entertainment. It just doesn't work that way. Some may say that they "just" watch it, but don't support it. If you watch it, you support it.

We call for more critical dialogue on shows like these and NO TOLERANCE for unclean entertainment. Maybe then we'll begin to shake at their content, rather than just giggling.

Jacob Hess
Samuel Hess
Farmington, Davis County

## Let's all be grateful

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to write in after this Thanksgiving season and say that I think we should take some time out of our busy schedules to remember all that we have.

Although the U.S. presidency is still undecided and getting on everyone's nerves, we still live in a free country. We attend a great university where we can express our religion. We have a wonderful new library to study in. And, most important of all, Christmas break is right around the corner — and we all have three wonderful weeks without homework to look forward to.

So, instead of writing a letter complaining about the many problems we have in our college lives, I just wanted to say that I'm grateful for the good things too.

Danielle Decker
Montrose, Colo.

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## No more superficiali

Dear Editor,

Upon reading the editorial page o newspaper, I am disgusted by the ex superficiality of the content. A reas lead to believe that the most impo issues in a BYU students' lives ar fact that the statues don't have we rings or that some of the students c not to dress "modestly" or that no o asking them out on dates. It is ob that for some people who attend this versity the campus is their world i of the other way around. I came he get an education so that, hopefully, contribute to my world.

The editorial section of this news is a great opportunity to present sands of students with information new viewpoints. Instead, so many using it as a place to whine about people live their lives. That's wh Soapbox is for! I challenge BYU stu to find real problems and issues t about, maybe even ways we can tribute to the community. Don't was precious non-textbook reading time complaints. The world needs activists not spectators.

Andrea Bailey
Salt Lake City

## A closer look at famil

Dear Editor,

I was glad to read about the new about the Proclamation on the Fa offered through the MFHD Depar While most Latter-day Saints thi know all about the family and its pl society, how to develop a succes home and how to successfully choo mate, one read of the new text fo class quickly dispels those LDS m The text for this class is so fundame important, yet it explores areas and ciples so far beyond anything us contemplated with the Proclamation the Family. It should be a required for GE completion — and if required course, certainly an optio fulfill GE requirements.

Every person, young adults and pa alike, would benefit from this cours its accompanying text: "Strengthe Our Families — An in-depth look Proclamation on the Family."

Henry S. Brock
Salt Lake City

## Thanks for student servi

Dear Editor,

One of your young students w angel to me on Thanksgiving morni large area of the sidewalk in front o home was so full of leaves that many fallen into the street. The snow had so ified the leaves, and they were extre difficult to scoop out. I am a senior zen and was so happy to have Ra Crane, who said she lives in Orem was out doing some jogging that m ing, volunteer to scoop out the leave the Dumpster.

You really have beautiful, spir young people at your university. W so glad to be living in Provo, when can observe all that the students do exemplary citizens.

G. Smith
Provo


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# estival of Trees raises funds for children's hospital

Morgan Van Wagoner/ Daily Universe

l looks in awe at the popular Harry Potter tree at the Festival of Trees on Wednesday. The ll, housed in the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, includes 700 trees. All proceeds go to Primary n's Hospital.

By Marie Williams
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Santa has relocated to the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City.

With more than 700 Christmas trees, the 30th annual Festival of Trees is a true storehouse of everything that is Christmas: white lights, stuffed animals, gold-trim ribbons and the spirit of giving.

The festival is a charity event designed to benefit patients at the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City; all funds raised will go to the hospital. Most of the fund-raising occurred Monday during an invite-only auction at which people decked in diamonds and suits bid on trees for as much as $33,000.

The expensive forest of Christmas trees was lit by two real stars, retired Jazz player Jeff Hornacek and leukemia survivor Natalie Burdick, during a ceremony that followed the auction.

Hornacek said he feels fortunate to live in a community with a great facility like Primary Children's Hospital since his daughter underwent surgery there.

"No athletes are heroes. The real heroes are some of the kids I've seen when visiting the hospital," he said.

He introduced Burdick as one of those heroes.

Burdick said she has spent most of her life in and out of Primary Children's Hospital after being diagnosed with cancer. But a successful bone marrow transplant has restored her to full health, she said.

With the NBA star at her side, Burdick lit the trees, filling the large convention hall with a warm glow.

People and corporations from around Utah donated the trees. BYU had a "LaVell Edwards" tree decorated with blue and white pompoms and an array of memorabilia autographed by Edwards. It even included a television.

Other memorable trees were the "Grandma got run over" and "Hanging in there," which featured an upside-down Christmas tree.

One of the most popular trees seemed to be the one donated from "The rest of the Jazz." The inscription read, "Jeff Hornacek would never toot his horn, so please allow us." Likewise, the decorations included horns with little banners outlining Hornacek's career achievements. It also included a Jazz jersey and enough autographed posters and flags to appease any sports fanatic.

Instead of toys and televisions, some trees were simply accompanied with a photograph donated in memory of a loved one.

Peggy Rounds, from Holladay, Salt Lake County, also had a special reason for attending the festival.

Her two children underwent multiple surgeries in Primary Children's. Since then Rounds said she always donates to the hospital.

The festival is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. until Saturday. Admission at the door is $4 for adults and $2.50 for children under 11.

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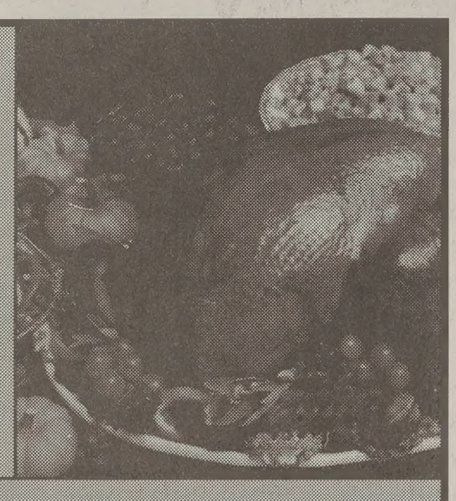

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# Henshaw may be answer to BYU's titanic question

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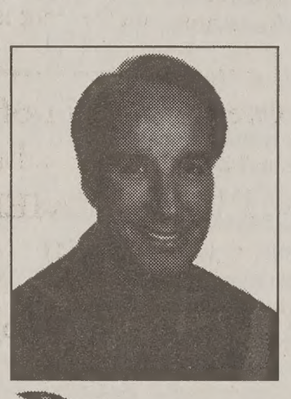

BYU may need a titan to fill the huge gap left by Lavell Edwards' retirement.

A Tennessee Titan, that is.

George Henshaw, on the short list to replace Edwards, is in his fourth season with the Titans and his first as assistant head coach/offense.

As an LDS football coach, Henshaw said he could not think of a better opportunity than BYU's head coaching position.

"BYU is different. They are not only a top tier program, I think they can be a dominant program. I am very interested in this job," he said.

Henshaw may need a U-Haul to ferry his resume to BYU campus if he comes. He coached at the major college level for 17 years before moving on to the NFL.

His resume boasts 12 years of NFL experience, including stints as offensive coordinator for the New York Giants, Denver Broncos and Tennessee Titans, and he has been to the Super Bowl four times.

Not to mention the invaluable experience that comes from working with All-Pro quarterbacks like Phil Simms and John Elway.

Henshaw also has a fairly successful college football coach to call as a character witness: Bobby Bowden of Florida State.

A part of Bowden's coaching staff at both West Virginia and Florida State, Henshaw counts Bowden as one of his closest friends.

"Bobby is like a second father to me — I have learned a lot from him," Henshaw said.

Experience in dominant football programs such as Florida State and Alabama may have prepared Henshaw for the media spotlight that will illuminate a BYU head coach's every move.

"I would come in and try to install an offensive philosophy that would take advantage of the strengths of our dominant players, either running or passing. The key is to have flexibility," he said.

The recruiting trail is possibly the toughest part of a coach's job. They have to sell both the recruit and the parents on the success of the program.

Henshaw's son Matt happens to be one of the most heavily recruited quarterbacks in the state of Tennessee, drawing interest from programs such as Florida State, Tennessee, and West Virginia, just to name a few.

"Going through the recruiting process with my son has given me a chance to see it from a parent's perspective, and I think that would be invaluable to me at BYU," he said.

Henshaw said he is excited to return to recruiting and evaluating high school players. His many contacts in the so-called "speed states" of Florida and the southeast are an added bonus.

"As a coach in the NFL, I can tell you that you can not misevaluate players. In the pros it might cost you a million dollars, and in college it will cost you your program," he said.

The secret to continuing the success at BYU is very simple, according to Henshaw.

"You must recruit dominant LDS athletes, and then have a system that is flexible enough to utilize those players' strengths," he said.

Following a legend like LaVell Edwards is something that Henshaw has experienced before. He was on the coaching staff at Alabama that came in after Bear Bryant retired.

"I think it gave me experience in dealing with high expectations. Of course, the difference is that coach Edwards would be around to help with that transition," he said.

Helping to turn both the Seminoles and Titans into winners after terrible seasons by the previous coaches has given Henshaw a reputation as a capable coach.

The only snag, according to some media, is that Henshaw's wife is not LDS.

Jeff Reynolds, director of football media relations at BYU, said that it shouldn't affect his candidacy.

"BYU's head coach is in the unique position of being an ambassador for the church as well as a football coach. Having said that, I don't think his wife's religion should affect his chances," Reynolds said.

Reynolds said that any coach selected would have to work with the school to solidify recruits as soon as possible, along with their current coaching responsibilities.

That would not be a problem, according to Henshaw.

"Jeff Fischer (Tennessee Titans head coach) knows that BYU is different from any major college coaching job out there, and I'm sure we could work something out," he said.

## The List

Candidates for BYU's new head football coach

Gary Crowton — Chicago Bears offensive coordinator
Charlie Stubbs — Alabama quarterbacks coach
George Henshaw — Tennessee Titans asst. coach
Ken Schmidt — BYU defensive coordinator
Lance Reynolds — BYU offensive coordinator
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# MWC ready for NCAA title run

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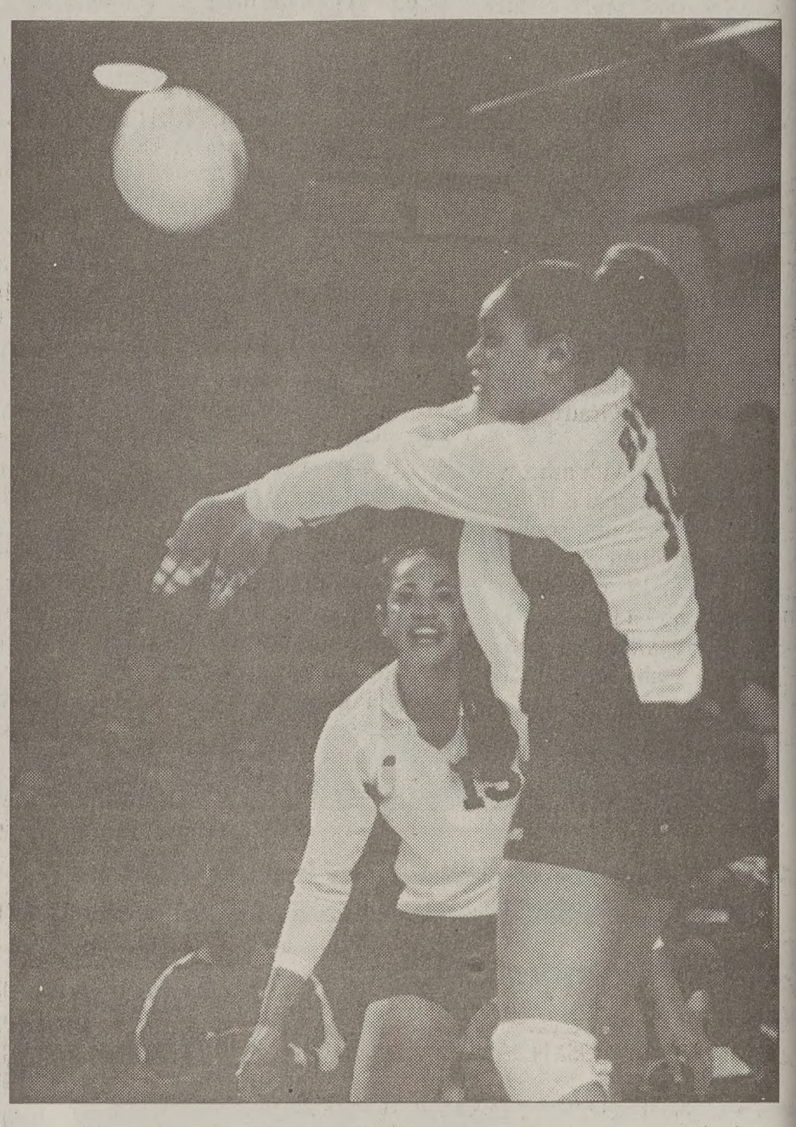

File Photo

Sunny Tonga stands by as sister Kalani Tonga prepares for contact in a game against Colorado State earlier this season.

The BYU women's volleyball team is poised to make a run at the national championship. That run begins Friday in Provo as BYU opens the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Colorado State and the University of Utah are the other two MWC teams that will join the Cougars in the tournament.

The MWC teams have a rich history in the tournament.

Six of the eight women's volleyball programs have been in postseason action over the years while the remaining two programs have only been in competing since 1996.

The NCAA women's volleyball tournament is in its 20th year and BYU is one of only four teams to make the tournament 19 times along with Hawaii, Nebraska and UCLA.

The Cougars are the most experienced MWC team in the tournament with the most total number of national appearances and a 1993 Final Four appearance.

They have also reached the Regional Final eight times, including the past four years. BYU head coach Elaine Michaelis said she thinks the Cougars have a chance to win.

"I think we could," Michaelis said.

Colorado State will be competing in its sixth consecutive NCAA tournament and Utah will be making its third straight appearance.

In the course of BYU's difficult conference and non-conference schedule so far this year, it has played 16 matches against teams that have qualified for the tournament.

The Cougars have a 10-6 record in those matches, including victories over the top four teams in the nation.

"In the tournament you have to win. There is no tomorrow in each one of these games," Michaelis said.

Another factor in their favor is their late season rally where the team has gone 11-0.

That streak has included five wins over ranked opponents.

> "In the tournament you have to win. There is no tomorrow in each one of these games."
> — Elaine Michaelis, BYU coach

"I feel like we have really made a lot of progress on the last month. Each week we have gotten better at some area that we needed to work on," Michaelis said.

Perhaps the Cougars' secret weapon will be the experience, confidence and wisdom of Michaelis.

Michaelis, who has coached BYU for 39 years, is second all time in Division I wins and has the most wins by a female coach.

She has won the inaugural championship in each of the five leagues that BYU has played in.

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...Danny Manning scored ...for Utah. Russell and ...olynice added 10 each.

...led the entire second half until Malone hit a free throw to tie the game at 84 and a jumper that put the Jazz up two with 1:12 to play.

A pair of free throws by Manning gave Utah a four-point lead at the 39.1 mark.

Orlando led by as many as nine points in the fourth quarter but the Jazz used an 11-3 run to cut the Magic's lead to 79-78 with 5:21 remaining.

McGrady helped break open a close game when he scored eight consecutive points early in the third quarter to give Orlando a 58-48 lead.

Malone then scored the game's next six points to close Orlando's lead to 58-54. But McGrady followed with a dunk as the Magic went on to build its lead to 71-62 after three quarters.

Orlando closed the first half on an 11-4 run to lead 47-46. Notes: Utah has won eight of the last nine meetings between the teams. Russell had a season-high five steals. Polynice had a season-high 10 points.

# Free-agent pitcher sought by New York

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK - Mike Mussina and the New York Yankees all but completed a six-year contract Wednesday that will be worth about $87 million.

Mussina's agent, Arn Tellem, traveled to New York late Wednesday from Los Angeles and intended to complete negotiations Thursday, according to a baseball official with knowledge of the negotiations, who spoke on condition he not be identified.

Mussina, the most sought after pitcher on the free-agent market, will wind up getting between $86.5 and $87.5 million the official said. The sides had not agreed on the breakdown of the annual salaries, which will determine the contract's total.

The sides also had not put the deal in writing yet and had not agreed exactly on the language of a no-trade clause, although it appeared Mussina would probably get a full no-trade, the official said.

An announcement could come Thursday afternoon or Friday, the official said.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner and director of baseball operations Mark Newman monitored the talks by conference call from the Yankees' minor league facility in Tampa, Fla.

Mussina did not return a telephone message left with his wife at his home in Montoursville, Pa. Tellem declined comment as did the Yankees, who cited a gag order imposed by owner George Steinbrenner.

Mussina, 32 on Dec. 8, would join a Yankees staff that already includes Roger Clemens, Orlando Hernandez and Andy Pettitte.

He is 147-81 in his career after going 11-15 with a 3.79 ERA for the Orioles last season. He led the American League in innings pitched with 237 2-3 and was third in strikeouts with 210, trailing Boston's Pedro Martinez (284) and Cleveland's Bartolo Colon (212).

Mussina also was third in ERA, trailing Martinez (1.74) and Clemens (3.70).

# Women clash with WSU

**By Shannon McOmber**
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The BYU women's basketball team will be entering into a Cougar versus Cougar clash Thursday evening when it takes on PAC-10 Washington State University on the road.

"The game could be competitive up there, but if we play like we've been playing we will do well," BYU head coach Trent Shippen said.

And Shippen has been pleased with his team's performance thus far in the season.

BYU stands at 2-1 and are coming off a strong win over Southern Utah University earlier this week.

But the Cougars aren't looking past WSU.

"WSU is one of the lower ranked PAC-10 teams and are working with a new coaching staff, but they have been very competitive in their scores so far this season," Shippen said.

In comes Caroline Beus.

Beus has led the team defensively the past few games with massive rebounding and solid defense.

She has averaged over eight rebounds a game.

"Beus is continually improving and her fundamentals have taken off," Shippen said. "Her presence on the floor is huge for us."


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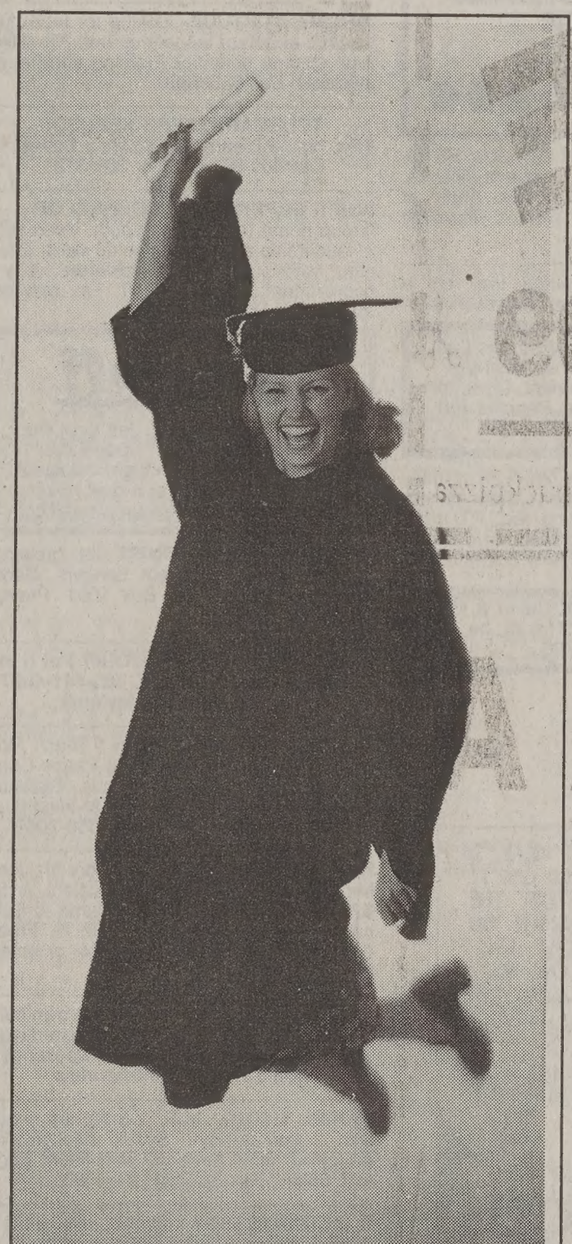
For several years now, BYU students have supported the BYU student fund raising campaign "Students Helping Students." They may never know whom they have helped, but as the recipients of these blessings in turn give, the charitable experience of sharing in Christ's love becomes perpetuated.
Several BYU supporters have established a Matching Challenge Grant to encourage students to help those around them by giving to the BYU Annual Fund. For students and graduating seniors, *they will match gifts five to one!* This means your $10 gift today will be worth $60 to the university. A $30 gift will generate a match of $150!
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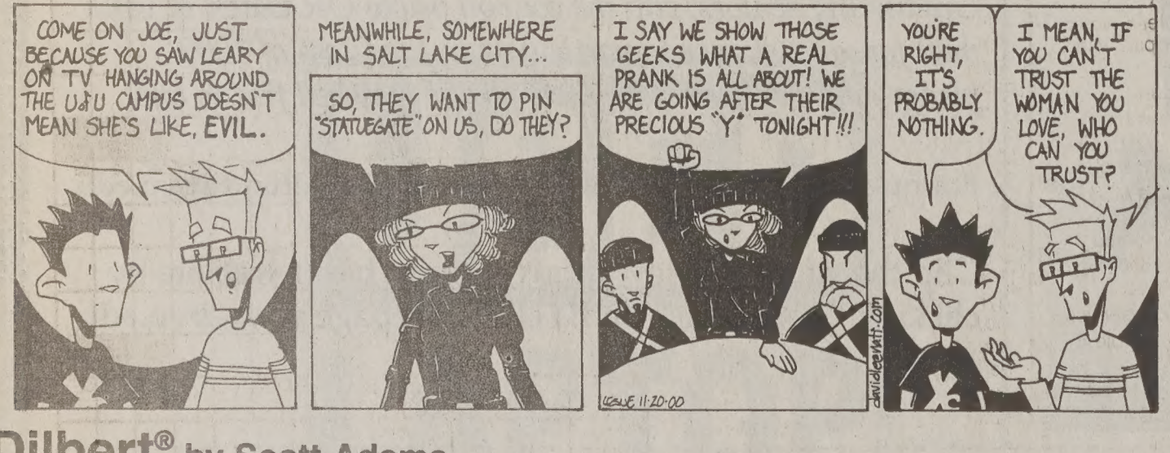
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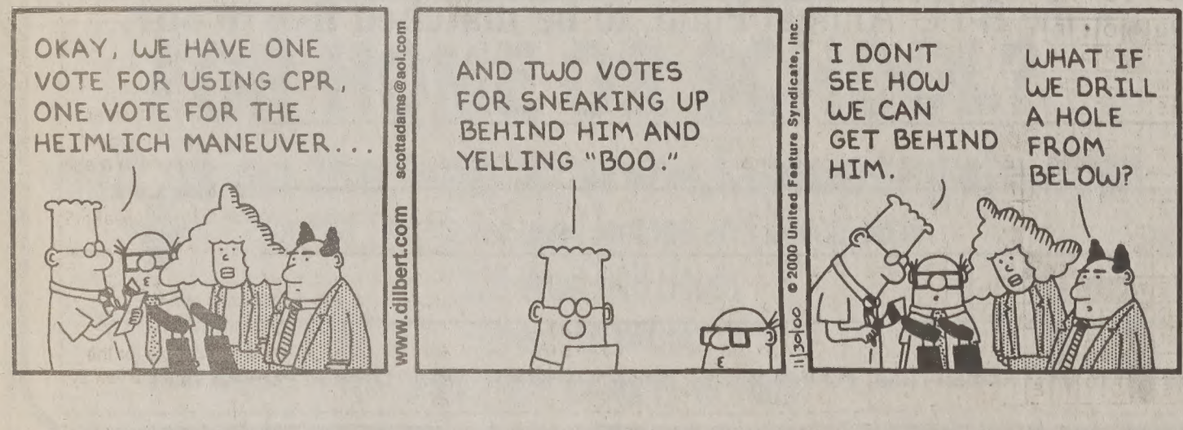
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# Alpine School District to close open enrollment for 18 schools

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Students living outside of the school boundaries where they attend are out of luck for the 2001-2002 school year.

The Alpine School District announced the closure of open enrollment in 18 schools.

By closing enrollment in the schools, students who live outside the official boundaries must attend their designated school, said Michael Robinson, spokesman for Alpine School District.

The purpose of closing the schools is to maintain a balance in the district and avoid overcrowding, Robinson said.

Closing school boundaries will affect several hundred students, Robinson said.

The district has already closed 21 schools and says the outcome has been positive.

"We already knew the effects and are just following the logic of closing schools," Robinson said.

However, some parents have expressed frustration over the issue, he said.

Terry Hill, principal at Mountain Ridge Junior High School in Highland, Utah County, said he thinks the decision to close schools is the best for all students.

"The dilemma the district is facing is not knowing for sure how much growth will take place in a given area," he said.

Mountain Ridge Junior High School has 1,703 students, although the capacity is 1,420 students, he said.

Another problem the district faces is the growing number of portable classrooms, said Vern Hernshaw, Alpine School District Superintendent.

Barry Graff, principal of Snow Springs Elementary in Lehi, Utah County, said the school has already exceeded its 860 capacity in its first year of operation.

"The area has grown like crazy. We have 927 students right now and we expect 1,200 students next year," he said. "We'll have to utilize trailer classrooms next year to accommodate these additional 100 kids."

Brad Kendall, principal of Timpanogos High School in Orem, said he agreed closed enrollment helps schools to be the same size and have the same academics.

Courtesy photo

Mayor Lewis K. Billings and friend stand with one of the donated computers for students in the Virgin Islands. Provo has started a program to take donated computers and give them away to help students on the island.

# Provo gives old PCs new life

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Provo residents are donating their old computers to schools in the Virgin Islands.

"We have one of the nation's highest number of computers per home per capita," said Provo Mayor Lewis Billings. "I hope we can share some of our abundance with the students in the islands."

Billings said he hopes that as people upgrade and buy new computers for the holidays, they will donate their old ones to the city.

One great thing about the program is the youth involvement, said Taylor Oldroyd, deputy for Legislative Policy and Special Projects.

The computer class at Timpview High School will inspect all the computers donated to make sure they are in working order, he said.

"It gives local students hands-on experience and helps students overseas," Oldroyd said.

The city has collected 76 computers and hopes to have 500 by the end of February, he said.

Steve Armstrong, a West Jordan resident, he said he heard a radio advertisement about the donation drive and drove all the way to Provo to donate his old computer.

"I decided I wanted to give it to somebody that would appreciate it," he said.

The program was initiated after Billings met the commissioner of education for the Virgin Islands, Molly Mills.

Mills told him about their dismal computer situation caused in part by the recent hurricane destruction in the islands, Billings said. Mills also said the local phone company on the Islands has donated Internet service, but they don't have any computers to get online.

"The Virgin Islands are lagging behind much of the rest of the world because they have limited exposure to computers," Billings said.

Drop-off locations will be available in every city in Utah County, Oldroyd said. Provo residents interested in donating their old computers should drop them off at the Provo City Center at 351 W. Center. All donations are tax-deductible.

# Burglaries increase during break

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Students should secure their belongings before heading home for Christmas break, said Capt. Keith Teuscher of the Provo Police.

Teuscher, commander of the criminal investigation division for the Provo Police, said problems crop up every Christmas break.

Burglaries increase because burglars know the students are out of town, he said.

"Watch each other's property," Teuscher said. "If you do see suspicious people, you should call us."

Students will leave town without making arrangements for their belongings to be cared for, he said.

Often students leave knowing that one roommate is staying at the apartment, but they do not communicate with that individual to make sure belongings are protected, Teuscher said.

"They should get verbal commitment that things will be taken care of," he said.

After each Christmas vacation police receive reports that items like bicycles, credit cards and CDs, have been stolen from apartments, Teuscher said.

Students should also be cautious where they park their cars for the holidays, he said.

Cars can be impounded after 72 hours of being parked on a public street, Teuscher said. People also try to illegally park their cars in store parking lots over the break, Teuscher said.

# Israeli parliament moves to hold early election

*Associated Press*

JERUSALEM — In the midst of a bloody conflict with the Palestinians, Israel has been plunged into political turmoil by an overwhelming parliament vote to hold new elections, two years ahead of schedule.

With his political future and Mideast peacemaking on the line, Prime Minister Ehud Barak agreed Tuesday to hold an early vote in a surprise move to take the initiative from the hard-line opposition.

Amid the political maneuvers, Israeli-Palestinian violence persisted. An Israeli motorist was critically wounded in a West Bank shooting ambush. In the Gaza Strip, Israeli soldiers fired on Palestinians trying to cut through a border fence. The army said there were fatalities, but that it did not know how many.

In recent days, there had been a lull in Israeli-Palestinian violence. The ebb was attributed to the holy month of Ramadan, when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk, and to cool, rainy weather.

Representatives of Barak's One Israel alignment and the opposition Likud party met briefly Wednesday to try to agree on a date for elections. Opposition leader Ariel Sharon said elections should be held quickly, "even before Passover," the Jewish holiday that begins April 7.

One Israel did not propose a date, but planned to do so Monday, said party spokesman Gilad Haymann.

In a new twist, Sharon said Wednesday he was still open to holding new coalition talks if Barak issues an invitation. The early elections bill still faces two more readings, giving Barak several more weeks of political maneuvering.

However, it appeared unlikely that the prime minister would reverse himself after having rejected the idea of a broad coalition just a day earlier. Sharon has said he would only join the government if given veto powers over Barak's peace efforts, something the prime minister has said he is unwilling to do.

Reaching a peace agreement with the Palestinians in the next few months was widely seen as Barak's only chance to get re-elected

# Crossword

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**ACROSS**

1 Fund-raising letter, e.g.
5 Librarian's gadget
10 Mr. Clean would never part with one
14 Interpret
15 In heaven
16 1968 award for Vaclav Havel
17 In this, a "." is a "dot"
20 Twin-engined W.W. II plane
21 Swiftness
22 Puts into service
23 Least salable, perhaps
25 San ___, Calif.
28 Hideouts
29 Colorful computer
30 Stephen King novel setting
31 Minor invention
34 In this, a "." is a "point"
38 Orlando-to-Miami dir.
39 Many an April baby
40 Admitting a draft
41 Con artist's accomplice
42 Sun shade
44 Analyze
47 Furnace waste
48 Cannes cap
49 TV's Andy Taylor and Elroy Lobo
53 In this, a "." is a "period"
56 Comedy hit
57 Patterned fabric
58 Actress Petty of "Point Break"
59 Beach shades
60 Hardly management types
61 Doers of good civic deeds

**DOWN**

1 Buttoned-up all the way
2 O'Brien's lead-in
3 Partakes of
4 Suitability
5 1973 Elton John hit
6 Watches for, perhaps
7 Wizard of Oz revealer
8 1954 Oscar winner ___ Marie Saint
9 Inflamed
10 South Sea souvenirs
11 Way too weighty
12 Producers of sunbows
13 Plague
18 Deceit
19 Jenna Elfman TV role
23 They register on registers
24 Bank
25 Barbecued entrée
26 Half of an old radio duo
27 Not do well in the stretch
28 Collar extension
30 Mona Lisa attribute
31 Kodak competitor
32 Caspian Sea adjoiner
33 Shipping hazard
35 Gauguin setting
36 Land of Tralee
37 Not just in the mind
41 Silvery food fishes
42 Football's Karras et al.
43 Electrologist's target
44 "I Hated, Hated, Hated This Movie" author
45 City near Dayton
46 Part of the atmosphere
47 Mantelpiece
49 Bustle
50 Hoodwink
51 Part of a river
52 They may be involved in a spill
54 Map abbrs.
55 Groundbreaker?

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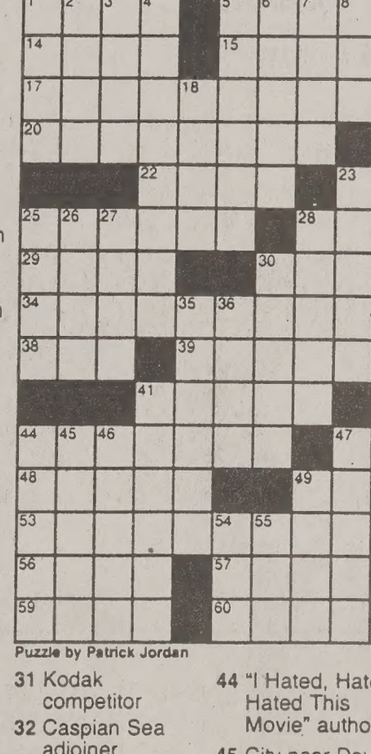

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# Police uncover crime in sting operation

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> "They made complaints to the department about things missing after their cars were towed — things like stereo equipment."
> — Lt. Doug Edwards, Orem Police Department

Orem Police arrested two employees of Park Rite Security Systems on Monday in connection with the theft of items from a car towed by Park Rite.

The arrests were the result of a sting operation, said Lt. Doug Edwards of the Orem Police Department.

Orem Police received several complaints from residents whose cars were towed by Park Rite, Edwards said.

"They made complaints to the department about things missing after their cars were towed — things like stereo equipment," he said.

Detectives parked a car equipped with a video camera at Village Park Apartments in Orem. They put three speakers and $25 cash inside the car, said Lt. Ned Jackson of Orem Police.

The car did not have the permits required by the apartment complex, so Park Rite booted the car for two days and then towed it Nov. 22, he said.

Two of the speakers and the $25 were missing when police picked up the car, he said.

Police officials found the speakers in the car of a 17-year-old employee of Park Rite, Jackson said. The juvenile faces charges of auto burglary and possession of stolen property.

Douglas Jensen, 32, the tow truck driver, faces charges of auto burglary in connection with the missing money, Jackson said.

Park Rite owner Larry Dale denied knowledge of the problem.

"Park Rite itself didn't know anything about it," he said.

Although Park Rite had taken an inventory of the items in the car when it was towed, the paperwork had been altered and did not show any record of the two speakers or the money, Jackson said.

The video camera had been taken apart and the tape was erased, he said.

Orem Police detective Barry Nielsen, who headed up the investigation, said tow companies take inventory because they can open people's cars.

"They can get into them to release an emergency brake," he said.

Nielsen said he is not aware of any similar burglary complaints made against other towing companies, but the department plans to repeat the procedure in lots patrolled by towing companies other than Park Rite.

# Religion clash called overreaction, district decides on class training

*Associated Press*

SALT LAKE CITY — School officials have decided a dispute between a West High School teacher and three students who refused to put away the Book of Mormon during a reading period was a case of "miscommunication, misunderstanding and overreaction."

The district has decided to provide sensitivity training for the teacher and her class, making sure teachers understand provisions of the First Amendment and that students are aware of proper channels for raising concerns about perceived discrimination.

The district and the Salt Lake Teachers' Association on Tuesday jointly released a statement — which was negotiated with the students' parents — that said the Oct. 31 incident was fueled by "miscommunication, misunderstanding and overreaction" and has now been resolved.

Dolores Riley, assistant district superintendent, refused comment on whether the teacher would face disciplinary action, saying it was a personnel matter.

Elaine Tzourtzouklis, president of the teachers' association, previously said the teacher was an 18-year veteran with a spotless record who had security remove the students because they became disruptive after she asked them to put the religious books away.

The association said the students made up anti-religious allegations against the teacher.

Attorney Frank Mylar, who represents the students' families, has said the teacher has demonstrated "a pattern toward derogatory treatment and comments toward the LDS faith in particular."

Teresa Powell, mother of one student, said she has received phone calls from former students and parents who say the teacher subjected them to similar treatment in the past four years.

Her son and another stu… have transferred out of the cla… their parents' request, she said.

The October confronta… occurred during a regular rea… time in the teacher's class, … statement said. Students w… supposed to read an Ameri… Literature novel of their ch… during that time, according to … teacher's "Class Disclos… given to students.

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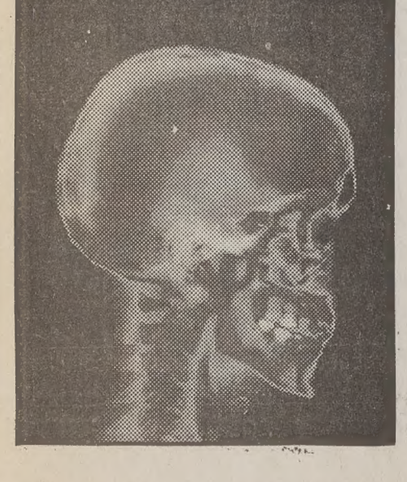

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